

# Post doc grant opportunity in Brazil



The project “**Towards a science of intrinsic purposiveness: organizational theory of ecological functions and its implications for ecological research and environmental ethics**”, part of the umbrella project “**Agency, Directionality & Function**” (<https://www.biologicalpurposes.org/>), funded by the John Templeton Foundation and coordinated by Alan Love (University of Minnesota, USA), also carried out in collaboration with the National Institute of Science and Technology in Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies in Ecology and Evolution (INCT IN-TREE, <https://intree.org/>), **selects a postdoctoral researcher** to work on theoretical and empirical research in **Epistemology of Ecology**. The postdoctoral fellow will be directly linked to the project coordinated by Professor Charbel El-Hani (Federal University of Bahia, Brazil) and will work under the supervision of Professor Nei Nunes-Neto (Federal University of Grande Dourados, Brazil), linked to his research group at UFGD. The project covers the areas of Epistemology of Science, Ethics and Theoretical & Applied Ecology.

## **BENEFITS**

- ✓ **Period of validity of the scholarship:** March/2022 to July/2024 (29 months).
- ✓ **Scholarship value:** US\$ 800.00/month (in US dollars).
- ✓ **Extra resources for field trips.**
- ✓ **Participation in a network of highly qualified national and international researchers**, bringing together philosophers of biology, ecologists, anthropologists, behavioral biologists, among other areas.
- ✓ Possibility of **contributing to social, epistemological and scientific development in fields of knowledge of great relevance to socio-environmental sustainability in the 21st century**, in one of the most favorable places for the theme.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- ✓ Establish permanent **residence in Dourados**, Mato Grosso do Sul (Brazil), during the period of the grant.
- ✓ Experience and interest in **interdisciplinary work**.
- ✓ Ability to **read and write in English**.
- ✓ Availability to **participate in field work** in Dourados and Chapada Diamantina (Bahia, Brazil).
- ✓ **Undergraduate and doctoral degrees in any field**.
- ✓ **Ideal profile:** Philosopher or Ecologist or Theoretical Biologist with good academic production and interest in the Organizational Approach in Philosophy of Life Sciences (Moreno & Mossio 2015; Nunes-Neto et al. 2014<sup>1</sup>) and/or with experience in fieldwork with ecological systems (such as Agroforestry Systems).

## **REGISTRATION AND SELECTION**

- ✓ **Period:** February 16 to March 5, 2022.
- ✓ **To participate in the selection**, send an email message to Prof. Nei Nunes-Neto ([neinunesneto@ufgd.edu.br](mailto:neinunesneto@ufgd.edu.br)) with **your updated Curriculum Vitae**, **five selected publications** (from the last 3 years), in PDF, and a **letter of introduction and intentions**, explaining why you want to be a fellow researcher in the Templeton project.
- ✓ **Interviews, via Google Meet:** By appointment, in February and March 2022.

## **SUPPORT INSTITUTIONS**



## **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEE:**

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<sup>1</sup> Moreno, A. & Mossio, M. *Biological Autonomy: a Philosophical and Theoretical Enquiry*. Springer: 2015.

Nunes-Neto, N.; Moreno, A.; El-Hani, C.N. Function in Ecology: an organizational approach. *Biology & Philosophy* 29 (1), 123-141.